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**REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 381NP/47981
Prior Appln. Ser. No.: 09/349,211 ✓
Filed: July 2, 1999
Inventor(s) Tatsuya YOSHIDA et al
Examiner: Robert L. Deberadinis
Group: 2836

Box CPA
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 8, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a X continuation or divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of the prior application identified above.

The above-identified prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use the prior application file jacket and all the contents of the prior application, including the specification, drawings, and oath or declaration as the basic papers for the new application.

1. Please enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____
_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, in the prior application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the
prior application:

01/09/2003 CCHAU1 00000018 09349211 a. — Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application: _____

01 FC:1006	750.00	OP
02 FC:1202	90.00	OP
03 FC:1201	1008.00	OP

b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

☐ 4. A new Power of Attorney is enclosed.

☐ 5. Small entity status:

a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed

b. ☐ A statement of small entity status was filed on _____ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

c. ☐ Is no longer claimed

☒ 6. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee		\$375.00	\$	750.00
Total Claims	<u>25</u> - 20 = <u>5</u> x 9 =	\$	<u> </u>	18 = \$ <u>90.00</u>
Ind. Claims	<u>15</u> - 3 = <u>12</u> x 42 =	\$	<u> </u>	84 = \$ <u>1,008.00</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims	+	140 =	\$ <u> </u> 280 = \$ <u> </u>
	Total	\$	<u> </u>	\$ <u>1,848.00</u>

☐ 7. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$.

☒ 8. A check in the amount of \$ 1,848.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ 9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/47981).

☒ 10. Priority of Appln. No(s). 10-188549, filed in Japan on July 3, 1998, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

X 11. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/349,211 on July 2, 1999.

 12. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan and Hitachi Car Engineering Co., Ltd., Ibaraki, Japan.

X 13. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

 b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

 c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300

X 14. Return Receipt Postcard.

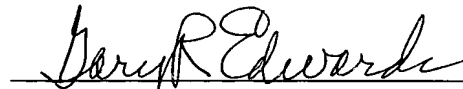
X 15. Other Three Month Petition for Extension of Time

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.14, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 in parent application Serial No. 09/349,211, filed July 2, 1999.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this new Rule 53(d) application, including extension of time fees in the parent application, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 381NP/47981), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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